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To : Chief, SE

Date

FROM : Senior Representative, []

ACTION-SE/5

SUBJECT: GENERAL- OILCOIL
SPECIFIC- FM Operations

1. During [] recent visit to this station, [] discussed with him the present status of OILCOIL. [] and [] views were that, for the present, no further paramilitary type operations should be carried out against Rumania as chances of achieving any degree of success are so limited that the effort, risk, expense, and time involved in mounting them cannot be justified.

2. Our position is based on the following factors which were brought to [] attention.

a. The type and mentality of the agent material available is not suitable.

[] This agent has been in our employ for over two years and has gone sour largely due to prolonged inactivity, poor handling and bad luck. Within 24 hours of leaving on two separate operations, the operations were scrubbed. The last one, SHADED was to utilize Yugoslav cooperation to infiltrate into Rumania and at the last minute the Yugoslavs backed out. The agent has been the source of constant trouble ever since we had the misfortune to take him over. He drinks heavily, is stubborn and regards himself as above receiving instructions or orders. He would probably be a good guerrilla combat group leader where he could dominate men of low calibre. His team members refuse to have anything to do with him and we consider him dangerous to employ and have had to isolate him in a village outside of Athens where he is under the surveillance of the local gendarmerie. We are doing our best to dispose of this case in Germany as he holds a Fremden Pass and the necessary TID. However, the German station knows only too well this character and once having passed him along, have no desire to have him back in Germany. However, we are still hoping they will allow us to dump him on the German economy.

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[] This agent, like [] was recruited for a mission two years ago, trained in Germany and his mission scrubbed. He was then assigned to SHEIDER and this mission was then scrubbed. This former French Foreign Legionnaire is easy going and pleasant to handle, but has very little character, force or drive. He is definitely not leader material, but would make a dependable truck driver. He is somewhat of a clown and has not the necessary respect of the other team members as a potential leader. As he has not been in Rumania since 1947 (legal exit) he has little to offer as regards operational targets and contacts. After being inactive so long, we are definitely of the opinion that he would show no enthusiasm for actually going on a mission and is at present only with us to enjoy an easy means of livelihood. He would be a good prospect for the U.S. Army recruitment program for refugees and would like to join up if possible. He should prove a valuable asset to the U.S. Army Special Forces Group in time of war. At present, he wishes to return to France where he can live legally. To return him to France we require the cooperation of the German station to properly paper him to leave Germany. We are attempting to obtain the required cachets from them to enable [] to reach France. His second wish is to present himself for recruitment in the U.S. Army. We will make every effort to aid him in this in the event we are unable to get him to France.

- a. [] : These agents are all in their early twenties and escaped from Rumania into Yugoslavia where they spent nearly two years. They are village boys, immature, inexperienced and have no knowledge of operational targets or any contacts of value within the country. If sent on operations they would doubtless do their best, but would accomplish little. They might be used for border crossings where they made quick contacts, reconnaissance, picked up documents and then immediately exfiltrated. They are interested in joining the U.S. Army and were satisfied when told that their employment with us in no way jeopardized their enlistment under the U.S. Army refugee recruitment program.
- b. Experience with the above agent material has led us to believe that even with intensive training they would not absorb enough to be successful.
- c. None of them have contacts which would enable them to exist for indefinite residence within the country even black. (SGAW-3674, para 3 e). Latest information from [] of KURIOT (who is at present visiting []) reveals large gaps in documentation facilities for Rumania and it is improbable that we could document these agents well enough to get by even cursory inspection.

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- d. The agents have no idea of where they could attempt to live a guerrilla type existence in the mountains and inspire by their presence the formation of clandestine networks as has been suggested in dispatches received from the Headquarters FM Section.
- e. Headquarters has also suggested the possibility of exfiltration by balloon and via rubber boat to a vessel standing off the coast. After conversations [] we do not feel that balloon exfiltration presents even a fifty-fifty chance of succeeding due to the distance involved and lack of the necessary meteorological information on the part of the agent. Circumstances in Greece preclude the possibility of conducting balloon training here due to the many security factors involved. We know of no existing facilities or plans which could make sea exfiltration possible on the Rumanian coast. Also there is the possibility an agent would encounter difficulty in getting this means of transport cross country unless he were dropped blind next to the sea. The writer recalls from wartime experience the hazards and difficulties encountered by this most difficult type of exfiltration.
- g. The above represent the Field's views as they apply to agents on hand and the possibilities of our achieving any degree of success were we to attempt to send them on operations. Their chance of survival is so slight and they could accomplish so little that we recommend disposing of those held here, with the exception of [], and concentrating our efforts on possibly more fruitful type of operations such as in conjunction with the Rumanian Merchant Marine and with ZODIAC-ZOMBIE.

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